

Although the communications industry is not concerned about the impact their towers have on migratory birds, there are many of us who are. Communications towers used for TV, radio, and cell phone services contribute to the death and injury of millions of migratory birds. These animals are killed after colliding with the towers and/or the support wires, which are difficult to see both at night and during the day.

I ask that the FCC take an active roll in investigating the impact of communication towers on migratory birds. The communications industry should fund a research program that would look at tower placement, design, and lighting and how they effect bird mortality. All existing towers must be reviewed and proposals for new towers need to be subjected to strict environmental standards.

Immediate protection needs to be activated to save migratory birds. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has already developed voluntary tower siting and placement guidelines. These guidelines are a good starting point and should become mandatory until further research can be completed.

Thank you for you prompt consideration.

Sincerely,

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